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1. COMPROMISE IN RETAIL PETROLEUM PRICE CONTROVERSY
(REFTEL) APPEARS TO HAVE AT LEAST TACIT ACCEPTANCE BY
ALL PARTIES. GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RETAIL PETROLEUM
PRODUCT PRICES (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1) WHICH WILL BRING OIL
COMPANIES AN ADDITIONAL BF 1239 PER TON. GOVERNEMENT DID
NOT AGREE TO INDUSTRY COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF BF 1335 PER TON,
BUT DID PROMISE TO CONSIDER MODIFYING ORIGINAL DECISION
TO LOAD MOST OF INCREASE ON HEAVY FUEL END OF PRODUCTION
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2. MEANWHILE NEW PETROLEUM CONSULTATION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE WILL BE CREATED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. AT SAME TIME, GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO INDUSTRY REQUEST FOR AD HOC SPECIALISTS WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW PRICE STRUCTURE OF BELGIAN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND PROVIDE NEW GUIDELINES BY END OF APRIL. INDUSTRY, ON ITS PART, HAS AGREED TO RENEW CRUDE IMPORTS FOR INTERIM PERIOD (MONTH OF APRIL).

3. THIS VERY BELGIAN COMPROMISE DOES NOT RESOLVE INTERNAL PRICE CONTROVERSY BUT DOES PROVIDE TIME FOR VICE PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS TO PURSUE HIS EFFORTS TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT.

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